

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method for sending a message to a recipient, the recipient associated with a plurality of devices, the method comprising:
 - 2 receiving a message from a sender to a recipient;
 - 3 determining a recipient identifier for the recipient for the message, the recipient identifier usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;
 - 4 determining at the plurality of devices device types associated with the recipient using the identifier, wherein device identifiers are associated with each device in the plurality of devices device types are associated with a device identifier and a communication type;
 - 5 dynamically determining a device type in the plurality of devices device types in which to send the message in response to receiving the message from the sender based on the communication type associated with the device; and
 - 6 sending the message to the determined device at its device identifier associated with the determined device type.
- 1 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on content of the message.
- 1 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising determining communication capabilities for devices device types in the plurality of devices device types, wherein determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on the communication capabilities for the plurality of devices device types.

1 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 determining one or more preferences associated with the recipient, wherein dynamically
3 determining the device type comprises determining the device type based on the one or more
4 preferences.

1 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 determining presence information for devices the recipient in the plurality of devices associated
3 with the user, wherein dynamically determining the device type comprises determining the
4 device type based on the presence information.

1 6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein the device type is
2 determined based on presence information that indicates the a device for the device type is
3 active.

1 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the received
2 message is sent by a second-first device that communicates in a first protocol and the sent
3 message is received by the a second device that communicates in a second protocol.

1 8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein the second device receives the
2 message in the second protocol.

1 9. (canceled)

1 10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein dynamically
2 determining the device type comprises:
3 determining a communication type in which to send the message; and
4 determining the device identifier associated with the communication type.

1 11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received message does not
2 specify the device identifier.

1 12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the received message is
2 addressed to a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1 13. (currently amended) A method for determining a device in a plurality of
2 devices in which to send as sending a message, the method comprising:
3 receiving a message from a first user for a second user;
4 determining a user identifier for the recipient for the message, the user identifier
5 usable to determine a plurality of device types that are associated with the recipient;
6 determining a device type in a the plurality of devices device types associated
7 with the second user using the identifier;
8 determining a format associated with the determined device type;
9 determining if the message needs to be adapted to the determined format;
10 if the message does need to be adapted, performing the steps of
11 adapting the message to the determined format; and
12 sending the adapted message to the determined device;
13 if the message does not need to be adapted, sending the message to a device
14 identifier for the determined device type.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the received message
2 comprises a first protocol, wherein the sent message is sent in a second protocol.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein the format comprises at least
2 one of a short message system (SMS), email, instant message (IM), and voice message format.

1 16. (original) The method of claim 13, wherein adapting the message
2 comprises adapting content of the received message to content compatible with the determined
3 format.

1 17. (canceled)

1 18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the received message does not
2 specify the determined device identifier.

1 19. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein the received message is
2 addressed to a different device identifier than the device identifier of the sent message.

1 20. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein determining the
2 | device type comprises using at least one of content of the message, communication capabilities
3 | for the plurality of devicesdevice types, one or more preferences associated with the second user,
4 | and presence information for devices in the plurality of devicesdevice types associated with the
5 | second user.

1 21. (currently amended) A device configured to route messages for a plurality
2 | of users, the device comprising:

3 a receiver configured to receive a message from a first user in the plurality of
4 | users;

5 an identifier module configured determine a user identifier for the second user for
6 | the message, the user identifier usable to determine device types that are associated with the
7 | second user;

8 a device type determiner configured to determine a device type in one or more
9 | devicesdevice types associated with ~~a~~the second user in the plurality of users, the device type
10 | determined based on one or more communication types associated with the one or more
11 | devicesusing the identifier; and

12 a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated with the
13 | determined device for the second user.

1 22. (currently amended) The device of claim 21, wherein the device type is
2 | determined based on at least one of communication capabilities of the one or more devicesdevice
3 | types, one or more preferences associated with the second user, and presence information for
4 | devicesdevice types in the plurality of devicesdevice types associated with the second user.

1 23. (currently amended) The device of claim 21, further comprising a
2 | formatter configured to format the received message to a format compatible with the determined
3 | device type.

1 24. (currently amended) The device of claim 21, further comprising a
2 | database configured to store information for one or more devicesdevice types associated with
3 | the plurality of users.

1 25. (canceled)

1 26. (currently amended) A system for sending messages, the system
2 comprising:

3 a plurality of users, each user associated with one or more ~~devices~~device types;
4 a message router configured to route messages from a first user to a second user,
5 the message router comprising:

6 a receiver configured to receive a message from the first user;
7 an identifier module configured determine a user identifier for the second
8 user for the message, the user identifier usable to determine device types that are associated with
9 the second user;

10 a device determiner configured to determine a device type in one or more the
11 plurality of device types devices-associated with the second user, the device type determined
12 based on one or more communication types associated with the one or more devices using the
13 identifier; and

14 a sender configured to send the message to a device identifier associated
15 with the determined device type for the second user.

1 27. (currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the first user and
2 second user comprise a first device that communicates in a first protocol and wherein the
3 determined device type communicates in a second protocol, wherein the message is adapted to
4 the second protocol.

1 28. (currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the first user
2 comprises a device type that communicates in a communication type of at least one of email,
3 SMS, MMS, IM, and voice.

1 29. (currently amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the communication
2 types associated with the one or more ~~devices~~device types comprises at least one of email, SMS,
3 MMS, IM, and voice.

1 30. (new) A method for sending a message to a recipient, the method
2 comprising:

3 receiving a message from a sender to a recipient, the message being addressed to
4 a username for the recipient;

5 determining a plurality of addresses associated with the recipient using the
6 username, wherein the username for the recipient is different from the plurality of addresses
7 associated with the recipient and the plurality of addresses being addresses in which the recipient
8 can receive messages;

9 dynamically determining an address in the plurality of addresses in which to send
10 the message in response to receiving the message from the sender; and

11 sending the message to the determined address for the recipient.

1 31. (new) The method of claim 30, wherein the plurality of addresses are
2 associated with a plurality of device types.

1 32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the plurality of addresses are sent
2 through different communication channels to the plurality of device types.

1 33. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the recipient identifier is different
2 from the device identifier.

1 34. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the user identifier is different
2 from the device identifier.

1 35. (new) The device of claim 21, wherein the user identifier is different from
2 the device identifier.

1 36. (new) The system of claim 26, wherein the user identifier is different
2 from the device identifier.